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Notes from The Director's Office

In recent months, the newspapers have been full of stories about secret Government documents, their handling and mishandling. How many of us stop to realize that a hospital, too, has its "top secret" papers . . . medical records?

Material contained in medical records is considered "privileged," a legal term which means that the data is confidential between patient and physician. In many states this right of privacy is protected by so-called "privileged communication" statutes; New York was the first state to adopt such a law, back in 1828. Even where there is no statute, the patient has the right to insist that his medical record be labeled "classified information." Hospitals, therefore, are obligated both legally and ethically to protect the patient, by making certain that no unauthorized person has access to his medical record at any time.

All things considered, there's a great deal of similarity between a medical record and an intelligence report. A medical record is a collection of information, too — about a patient. Like all good intelligence documents, it is coordinated, analyzed, evaluated, and interpreted. In a large teaching hospital such as ours, where the carefully prepared and complete record is the rule, it frequently includes a detailed account of the social background and emotional experiences of the patient as well as his

medical history. So you can see why talking about a medical record, like taking State Department secrets, is a form of espionage, too — against the patient, against our Hospital.

Doctors, nurses and others concerned with the care of patients are generally acutely aware of their continuing responsibility in this respect. However, because of the fact that so many persons are required to handle the average patient's record every day in the proper performance of their various duties, it is possible that some may become careless and unmindful of the need for security.

Those on our staff who served during wartime with the armed forces, in Government agencies, or in vital manufacturing plants perhaps understand better than the rest the meaning of "top secret." That the discovery of the atom bomb was the best kept secret of the war was a tribute to the men and women who worked — but did not talk — at Oak Ridge.

It's that kind of cooperation that we practice here to prevent the mischievous and curious from obtaining information, the knowledge of which might well result in serious social, emotional and legal implications for our patients.

Henry N. Pratt, M.D.

Nursing School Given \$3,000 For Scholarships

A check for \$3,000 to be used for student scholarships has been given to the Cornell University—New York Hospital School of Nursing by its Committee for Scholarships. In the past three years, this lay committee of women has raised a total of \$7,400 for the school's scholarship fund, chiefly through an annual bridge-bazaar held each February in the Nurses Residence.

Accepting the check on behalf of the school from Mrs. Maurice Tingley, president of the Committee, was Jean French, who was the first student to benefit when

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Changes & Shifts

Since THE PULSE last went to press, there have been announcements of several changes in administrative personnel as well as shifts in alignment of responsibilities.

Dr. George A. Wolf, Jr., director of the Employees' Health Service and assistant attending physician, will succeed Dr. Roger B. Nelson in the position of Assistant Director for Professional Services and Director of the Out-Patient Department on August 1. Dr. Nelson is leaving to become Assistant Director of the University of Michigan Hospital at Ann Arbor.

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THE COVER

June is always a happy month and particularly so this year in the lives of Nancy and Harry Helfrich, who received their M.D. degrees at Medical College commencement. The Doctors Helfrich, married three years, will interne at different hospitals — she at Bellevue, he at Brooklyn Methodist.

Drs. DuBois, Edwards Retire From Medical College Faculty

After distinguished service of 40 and 33 years respectively to the Cornell University Medical College, Dr. Eugene F. DuBois and Dr. Dayton J. Edwards will retire from the faculty at the end of this month.

Dr. DuBois, Professor of Physiology and head of the Department of Physiology, and Dr. Edwards, Associate Dean and Associate Professor of Physiology, were honored by their friends and associates at a dinner on May 24 at the University Club. Each received a pair of inscribed Cornell University bronze bookends, Dr. James D. Hardy making the presentation to Dr. DuBois and Dean Joseph C. Hinsey, to Dr. Edwards. Toastmaster was Dr. David P. Barr, head of the Department of Medicine and physician-in-chief of the Hospital.

Upon their retirement, Dr. DuBois and Dr. Edwards each will become emeritus professor of physiology, and Dr. Edwards will also be secretary of the Medical College faculty.

Dr. DuBois, whose activities over the years are too numerous to "cover" adequately, came to the Medical College in 1910 as an instructor in clinical medicine and applied pharmacology. A graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, he took his pre-med work at Harvard where he rowed in the same shell with F.D.R. The late President, Dr. DuBois likes to recall, was "no better oarsman than I."

In subsequent years on the Medical College faculty, Dr. DuBois rose to full professor of medicine but found his interest in clinical problems growing stronger. So when the chair of physiology became vacant in 1941, Dr. DuBois asked for a transfer to this department so that he would have more time to carry on original research. Since 1942, Dr. DuBois has also been a member of the faculty of the Cornell University—New York Hospital School of Nursing and he has lectured to dietetic interns working and studying here under the Nutrition Department of the Hospital.

Dr. DuBois was director of Cornell's Second Medical Division at Bellevue from 1919-32. A member of the staff of The New York Hospital since 1919, he



DR. EUGENE F. DuBOIS



DR. DAYTON J. EDWARDS

was physician-in-chief from 1932-41, attending physician from 1941-48, and since that time has been consultant in medicine. He is retiring medical director of the Russell Sage Institute of Pathology here, a post he has held continuously since 1912 except for two years during World War I. Dr. DuBois has also been treasurer of the Institute since 1932 and the past year served as secretary-treasurer.

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Our Gift:
\$2,735.84



As THE PULSE goes to press, 2,423 employees of The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center have contributed \$2,735.84 to the Greater New York Fund. Final figures were received too late for this issue but will be announced in August.

The knowledge that our contribution is helping 423 different health and welfare agencies in the five boroughs, including our own NYH, is satisfying indeed. Members of the Center campaign committee should feel especially "good inside" for their active part in helping to roll up such a fine total contribution.

Thirty-two of us who were active in campaign solicitation were the Center's guests at citywide campaign report luncheons held at the Hotel Roosevelt during the Greater New York Fund drive. At the opening affair on April 24, we were represented by Helen Lincoln and Sherwood A. Messner. Our "delegation" at the May 10th luncheon included the Misses Mary Brennan, Helen Campbell, Ann Cekliniak, Lois Grierson, Jean Murray, and Cathleen Tooley, and Ernest Denny, Charles Donat, J. F. Kenney, and Leno Milano.

On May 25, we sent the following to the luncheon: Mrs. Virginia Kinzel, Mrs. Eleanor Chalk, the Misses Sally Dusenberry, Frieda Ehnes, Pauline Heymann, Mary Alice Slack, Vanda Summers, Jeanette Matystik, and Rita van Setter, and James Kelly.

At the final citywide report luncheon on June 9th, our invited representatives were: the Misses Alice Dondero, Blanche L. Fermbach, Dorothy Greene, Joan E. Rider, Betty Russell, Margaret Valentine, Margaret Vogel, Mrs. Germain Stein, Mrs. Elizabeth Watt and Claude W. Trapp, Jr.

More Vacation Time

To reward long-time employees for their continuing loyalty through the years, an additional week of vacation time is being given to those on the Hospital payroll with 15 or more years of service whose positions entitle them to only a two or three-week annual vacation.

The new policy went into effect on May 1.

CHANGES & SHIFTS

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A member of the staff since February, 1947, Dr. Nelson came to NYH as an Executive Assistant. Later, he was made Director of Out-Patient Department and then Assistant Director for Professional Services.

Sherwood A. Messner, who held the title of Executive Assistant for Supplementary Services, is now known as Executive Assistant for Professional Services. He will assist Dr. Wolf in the administration of the professional services provided by the Hospital such as X-ray, Physical Medicine, Central Laboratories, the Out-Patient Department, etc. as well as continuing in his work as Superintendent of the Vincent Astor Diagnostic Service. He will also continue to be responsible for the several Admitting Departments and the Private Ambulatory Service.

Edward L. Richman, Executive Assistant for Payne Whitney Clinic, resigned effective May 24 to take an executive position with a new hospital in Brooklyn. He has been succeeded by Thomas S. Adams, Jr., formerly of Accounting Department, who is known as Office Manager, Payne Whitney Clinic.

Robert C. Morris, Assistant Director of the Personnel Department, on June 5 assumed the newly created position of Administrative Assistant in the executive offices of the Hospital.

Richard G. Walke, Director of Plant Operations, was advanced to the position of Executive Assistant for Plant Operations on June 1. He has assumed responsibility for coordinating the Engineering, Building Service and Protection Departments and the Garage and Elevator Service.

Vassar W. Johnson, Executive Assistant for Service Departments, has assumed the new title of Executive Assistant for Services and Supplies with responsibility for coordinating the Nutrition Department, Laundry and Linen Department, General Stores, Central Sterile Supply, Barber Shop, Oxygen Service, Pharmacy Department, Purchasing Department, Record Department, Pneumatic Tube System, Mail Service, Telephone Service, Valet Shop.

A revised Chart of Administrative Organization showing these changes was released to department heads under date of June 1.

What Makes The Center Tick?



THE ADMITTING REGISTRAR

How would you like the job of interviewing every man, woman and child in a city the size of Elmira or White Plains? And every one of them ill! That is the job of the Admitting Registrars of this Hospital, for over 40,000 new people are admitted every year as in-patients or out-patients.

The content of the interview varies somewhat with the service and the type of accommodation to which the patient is admitted. However, the Registrar must make certain that she has correctly recorded name, address, age, date and place of birth, father's and mother's names, occupation, name of employer and many other details.

On the shoulders of the Registrars rest the responsibility for the admittance of patients to 1,186 beds. For most of the services and types of accommodations, there are always patients waiting. Once or twice each day, a census of empty beds is taken and the next patients on the waiting list are notified to come in. Making the necessary arrangements and at the same time keeping everyone happy is somewhat like planning a military operation.

While the majority of patients may have to wait a few days or even weeks to get a bed, there are emergencies and urgent cases every day that must be brought in immediately. So, "the best laid plans etc. . . ."

In the admittance of patients there are various forms to be filled out—

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Three Lively Ladies From NYH Take Top Volunteer Honors

Three volunteers who have each given over 4,000 hours of service to The New York Hospital received special commendation when the United Hospital Fund held its annual awards meeting on May 15 at the Hotel Pierre honoring outstanding volunteers in its 34 member hospitals.

The NYH trio—Mrs. M. H. de Perez of Medicine "A," Mrs. Henry Herrman of the Nursing Office, and Dr. Helen Walbridge of OPD, Woman's Clinic—were among a group of 55 cited for 4,000 or more hours of service. Each having served 1,000 or more hours of this time in the past two years, they received two gold 500-hour bars apiece, the presentation being made by Alec Guinness, star of "The Cocktail Party." Another two-bar winner was Mrs. Max Shact, who serves in Arthritis Clinic.

Altogether, 61 NYH volunteers received awards for their service in the past two years—blue pins for 150 hours and gold bars for 500 hours over this amount. Both pin and bar awards went to Mrs. B. C. Forbes and Iris Tuteur, each having given more than 650 hours in their first year as volunteers.

Interestingly enough, two of our three most outstanding volunteers are over seventy years of age.

Mrs. de Perez, a lively lady of seventy-three, comes in five days a week to work for Dr. Stewart Wolf. Since 1941, she's rolled up a total of 5,997 hours including more than 1,300 in the past year.

Making the 7:19 A.M. train from Babylon, Long Island, so she can be on duty at 9 A.M. is a four-day a week routine for Dr. Walbridge, who's just turned seventy. Since her retirement from her post as a medical officer with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company five years ago, she's been coming in regularly to assist in clinic aide tasks for OPD, Lying-In. A graduate of Cornell Medical College, Dr. Walbridge in 1918 had the distinction of being the first woman intern ever taken on the staff of NYH. Actually, she explains, she was called an "extern," because in those days "it wasn't considered proper for a woman doctor to live in." Later,

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That Man, Adams, Does It Again

Most of us just dream of winning contests but when it actually comes to writing that letter, slogan or jingle . . . But "Tom Adams, office manager of Payne Whitney Clinic, follows through. He enters contests — and wins them.

Last year, if you recall, Tom, a member of The Accounting Department until his recent promotion, won a pair of round trip flight tickets to Washington in a contest sponsored by the Greater New York Fund. Now he's won again in the Blue Cross 15th Anniversary Letter Writing Contest. Tom's 1500-word letter on "What Blue Cross Means to Our Patients and Our Hospital" took fourth prize among several thousand entries submitted by employees of member hospitals. His "loot": a pocket lighter, toilet water (Mrs. Adams' share), and a pair of tickets to a current picture on Broadway.

Presentation of the awards was made at the Blue Cross 15th Anniversary luncheon on May 10 at the Hotel Commodore with Dr. John B. Pastore, executive director of the Hospital Council of Greater New York, doing the honors. Dr. Pastore, a former assistant director of NYH, is on the attending staff of Woman's Clinic.

Service Award Dinner, Nov. 14 To Seat 15, 20, 25 Yr. and Up Group

We are pleased to be able to announce that the Joint Administrative Board of The New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center will extend its invitations this Fall for the fourth of the Service Anniversary Dinners. The dinner is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14.

To develop a program in keeping with the ideas of those most directly concerned—namely the 15 and 25-year men and women—a larger Anniversary Program Committee has been formed. This committee has met several times to discuss how the greatest number could be assembled in the limited space available for dining.

Pictures Help Tell Our 1949 "Story" To The Public

By now, all of us on the staff of NYH have received copies of the Annual Report of the Hospital in attractive pictorial form.

This is the first time that an abbreviated version of the formal report has been issued. It is also the first time in the history of the Hospital that copies of the Report of Service have been made available to everyone on the staff. Previously, only members of the professional staff and department heads received copies.

The pictorial summary is also being distributed to our volunteers, to the donors whose generosity makes possible the work of the Hospital, and to others who are interested in our work as a community service.

The committee realized that about 500 persons at this Center have 15 or more years of service and knew that it was a physical impossibility to entertain them all at a dinner. The committee discussed a buffet supper, a dance, a reception and various other ideas and then concluded that the fairest and most practical solution was to invite to a dinner all those who in 1950 had reached 15, 20 and 25-and-over years of service. In this way, everyone who is in the Service Anniversary group would be feted at a dinner each five years between 15 years and 25 years, and would then be invited to the dinners annually thereafter. This means that invitations cannot be extended to those having 16, 17, 18 or 19 years of service nor to those having 21, 22, 23 or 24 years of service. But the important thing is that the 15-year-employees and the 25-year-and-over group will have the dinner and the awards, while the 20-year group and special guests will be present to do them honor.

Members of the committee in charge of the 1950 program are: J. D. Adkins, Dr. Stanhope Bayne-Jones, Doris Bresnahan, Helen Campbell, Donizia Cappelli, Tina Corsi, J. G. Dale, Jr., Selma Fondiller, Eli Franklin, Dr. A. H. Groeschel, Gonzalo Gonzalez, Mae Houston, Mrs. Maynard C. Ivison, Julian Jaffee, V. W. Johnson, J. H. Keig, Mary T. McDermott, R. L. Malloy, Jane Mooney, Dr. S. W. Moore, L. G. Payson, Louise Stephenson, E. K. Taylor, Edward Voosen, Dr. P. A. Wade, and Max Weidinger.



WESTCHESTER DIVISION staff members who this year have completed 15 and 25 years of service are shown at the reception and dance held in their honor April 24 in the assembly hall of the Administration Building at White Plains. Front Row (l. to r.) are: Hugh Hamilton, 25 yrs.; Pauline Aloff, 25; Thomas Catheart, 15; Anne Livingston, 25; Mrs. Mary Tedesco, 25; Andrew Watt, 15; Mrs. Grace Brown, 15; Dr. Edward B. Allen, 25. Back Row: James Conner, 15; Jack Walton, 15; Zigmund Apones, 25; Laura Agor, 15; Grace Bloom, 15; Mabel Stimpson, 15; Michael Dowd, 15; Carl Colbert, 15; Chris Whetsell, 15, and Dr. Donald M. Hamilton, 15. Missing from this picture are Florence Adamson, George A. Aubel, and Dorothy L. Close, 25-yr. employees; Francis Seise and Harry Pells, 15-yr. men.

BUY U.S. SAVINGS
BONDS

HOSPI=TALES

Rice and Old Shoes: *Ruth Kemper*, Nursing School senior, became Mrs. William Cooper in Washington, D.C. on May 20. The couple will eventually live in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico, where Mr. Cooper will be an instructor in anatomy at the new medical school there. He received his M.S. at Medical College graduation . . . *Marjorie Edwards*, former staff nurse on M-4, was married on April 27 to James Franz . . . *Jane Cadwallader*, another M-4 staff nurse, exchanged vows with Robert Walk on June 3 . . . *Vita Mancuso*, dental hygienist in Payne Whitney Clinic, is Mrs. William Rumbold Jr. as of June 10 . . . *Phyllis Sarno*, class of '50 Nursing School, plans to be married on August 20 to Solon Dunetz, a civil engineer . . . *Patricia Androlewicz*, staff nurse on F-12 became Mrs. John McHale on June 10 . . . *Marie Moriarty*, staff nurse on F-12, was married to Michael J. Lonergan on June 10 . . . *Florence Orlopp*, who was head nurse on L-4, resigned to marry Col. S. R. Havens, U.S. Army Dental Corps, of Fort Dix, N. J. on May 19. She had been a member of the nursing staff since 1936 . . . *James Previdi*, electrician at NYH, recently took Lillian Zerbo as his bride . . . *Eileen McLellan*, Nursing School senior, and *Dr. Howard S. Jeck, Jr.*, were married May 13. Dr. Jeck, formerly of NYH, is assistant resident surgeon at Bellevue.

Cupid's Capers: *Mary Elizabeth Wigsten*, head nurse on K-5, is engaged to Warren Baker, a Rutgers student. They plan to be married in September . . . *Louise Baker*, Pavilion Admitting, became engaged to Daniel O'Connor on May 23 . . . *Elaine Bealer*, Payne Whitney nurse, is the fiancée of Herbert Sachs Hirsch, Jr.; an early summer wedding is planned . . . *Marion Mommer*, nurse on H-4, and Emanuel Lo Presti are telling of their engagement . . . *Julia Jean Jacobson*, dietitian on F-2, has resigned her position to marry Dr. Jack Soiefer early in July.

Cigar Passing Department: *Dr. and Mrs. Howard Dunbar* are the proud parents of a boy, born May 11. Mrs. Dunbar is a former Baker Pavilion nurse. Dr. Dunbar is a resident in neuro-

surgery . . . *Dr. and Mrs. George Holswade* announced the arrival of a baby boy on May 11. Dr. Holswade is an assistant resident in surgery.

Here and There: *Laura Quinlan*, formerly of Private Consultation Service, has replaced *Phyllis Graham* in Payne Whitney Information. Miss Graham is now making her home in Montpelier, Vt. . . The Accounting Department gave a party May 12 for *Mrs. Agnes Equi*, who retired after five years of service. She is the department's first pensioner. Her co-workers presented her with a gold wrist watch, a picture of NYH and a corsage of orchids . . . In May, *Dr. Vincent du Vigneaud*, head of the biochemistry department at the Medical College, gave a series of six illustrated lectures entitled, "A Trial of Research" on the Cornell campus at Ithaca . . . *Theodore E. C. Warren*, director of Building Service, has returned from Michigan State College where he attended a two-month course in hospital housekeeping . . . *Verda Hickcox*, head of nursing service in Lying-In, and associate professor in the

Nursing School, was one of the speakers at the 16th Biennial Nursing Convention in San Francisco last month. She participated in a panel discussion in "Changing Maternity Service in a Changing World" . . . The New York Hospital Alumni Association held its annual Spring dinner on April 25 in the Hotel Roosevelt. Over 100 doctors, all of whom had served on the house staff of NYH, attended. *Dr. Joseph C. Hinsey*, Dean of Cornell University Medical College, was made an honorary member of the association. *Dr. William D. Stubenbord* presided.

Hails and Farewells: Welcome to *Mrs. Jean Burdard*, new dietitian on F-2, but no newcomer to NYH. She served her dietetic internship here, after graduating from Cornell University's College of Home Economics . . . *Olga Mair* returned to the Pharmacy last month after a four-month visit to England . . . *Mrs. Vera Lemp* has returned to the Record Department staff on a full time basis . . . A new face in the Record Room is *Johanna Sorenson*, succeeding *Josephine Romano*, who has resigned to take care of her ailing mother . . . *Mrs. Frances Guild* has begun her duties as assistant director of the Volunteer Department succeeding *Mrs. Keith Porter*, who has returned to her former position on the faculty of Miss Fine's School, Princeton, N. J. . . *Anne Meader* is the new secretary of the children's division of Payne Whitney's Out-Patient Department.

. . . Best o' luck to *Eleanor Bazata*, dietitian-in-charge of the Garden Dining Room, who starts a new job June 19 with the National Dairies Corporation. Eleanor had been an associate editor of THE PULSE since April, 1948.

Congratulations: To *Elizabeth Harmon*, assistant head of surgical nursing service, and to *Dr. John P. West* on the publication of their book, "Nursing Care of the Surgical Patient." It's a revision of an earlier book issued by Macmillan . . . To *Dr. McKeen Cattell*, head of the Department of Pharmacology, Medical College, who has been appointed a member of a medical mission which will go to Japan next month at the request of

NOW WE ARE 11

Happy birthday to us. It was eleven years ago this month — on June 15, 1939 — that THE PULSE made its debut. This first issue had no name, just a big question mark on the masthead, and carried an offer of a \$5 prize to the staff member suggesting the best name for the paper. Credit for naming us goes to Dr. Alice R. Bernheim, former assistant surgeon, Out-Patient Department, now a member of the courtesy staff, and Miss Mabel W. Perry, who left the Hospital in 1941 after heading the Nutrition Clinic for several years. Since both had submitted the title, "THE PULSE," they split the \$5 prize.

In those days, we were a monthly publication, so the issue of July 15, 1939, was the first to carry the name.

General Douglas MacArthur. Dr. Cattell will be gone about two months on the tour, which is sponsored by the Unitarian Service Committee.

... To *Esther de Roche*, lab technician in Children's Clinic, who was the week of June 3rd winner in the Journal-American's "This Is New York" camera contest. Her prize-winning shot, "Sun and Shadow," showed men lounging in Fulton Street, with downtown skyscrapers as a backdrop.

COLLEGE CORNER

Everyone's still talking about the boat-ride to Bear Mountain on May 14 sponsored by Nu Sigma Nu Fraternity. The 117 couples on board really got their money's worth: rides on three rivers for the price of one — (the East, the Harlem, and the Hudson); "disc jockey" music; an attractive picnic lunch prepared by the NYH Nutrition Department; beaucoup beer, and as a final "dividend" of the day, a trip around the tip of Manhattan up to the East River to the dock at 70th Street. In charge of arrangements were *Roger Lockhead, Boze Guild, and Ken Thompson*.

FROM WESTCHESTER

Radio Series: Eight talks on "Modern Psychiatry" were given at monthly intervals by professional staff members of the Westchester Division over White Plains Station WFAS which has a county-wide coverage.

The talks were reported in the local press on the afternoon of each broadcast. Speakers were: Dr. James H. Wall, medical director; Dr. Curtis T. Prout, assistant medical director; Dr. Edward B. Allen, senior assistant psychiatrist; Dr. Edward I. Strongin, head of psychology department; Mr. Louis J. Haas, director of men's occupational therapy; Dr. Hollis E. Clow, director of laboratories and internal medicine; Dr. Donald M. Hamilton, physician-in-charge of men's department, and Mr. Albert J. Gorton, director of physical education.

National Hospital Day: On May 12th, which had been designated throughout the country as National Hospital Day in memory of the birthday of Florence Nightingale, Open House was held at the Westchester Division. Guests came to inspect the hospital and to visit the gardens. Hamilton Hadley, acting chairman of the Westchester Committee of the Board of Governors, greeted the guests. Dr. Wall spoke briefly.



NOTHING LIKE SALT AIR for the appetite. Enjoying lunch on deck enroute to Bear Mountain on the Medical College's recent boatride were: (l. to r.) *John Dockweiler, Libby de Prosse, Nancy Helfrich, the Francis Brownings, the George Cornells, and Harry Helfrich.*

CENTER TICKS

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admission sheets, financial charts, assignment slips, insurance forms, waivers, releases — and finally the patient must be sent to the pavilion.

But the Registrar still is not finished. For about half of the patients have Blue Cross insurance which requires filling out a form in triplicate and mailing it to the Associated Hospital Service. Many have to be submitted to the city for payment. This means more forms to complete.

For out-patients and many bed patients, a complete financial history must be taken and a rate of payment determined for each patient. Here is where the wisdom of Solomon often is required, for the Registrar must maintain a nice balance between the need of the Hospital for income to meet its costs and the ability of the patient to pay. She must take into consideration not only how much the patient or his family earns, but also the possible duration of the illness and the total size of the medical bill. She listens daily to many tales of woe, and must be able to judge which are true and which are not. At all times she must be pleasant, courteous and understanding.

There are innumerable other duties that keep the various Admitting Offices humming. But enough has been told to show that their "ticks" contribute vitally to the complex mechanism of this Medical Center.

DRS. DuBOIS, EDWARDS

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Known internationally for his studies on basal metabolism, Dr. DuBois' special interests of late have been in fever and temperature regulation and in submarine warfare and its medical problems. His interest in submarines dates back to World War I when he was awarded the Navy Cross for saving the lives of the men on a submarine to which he had been assigned for special research observation duty. When the "sub" had to submerge hurriedly after being mistaken for an enemy craft and shelled, salt water in contact with electric batteries began to liberate free chlorine. Dr. DuBois averted disaster by setting up blowers in the ventilating system to drive the air through soda lime canisters, thus absorbing the poisonous gas. At present, he is chairman of the panel on shipboard and submarine medicine of the Research and Development Board, National Military Establishment, and is a member of the National Research Council's committee on under-seas warfare.

In World War II, Dr. DuBois again saw active duty. As a captain in the Navy Medical Corps, assigned to the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, he worked on projects ranging from air safety and research in crash injury to developing clothing for extremes of climate. A member of the Cornell Committee for Air Safety Research, he was chairman for six years of the National Research Council's committee on aviation medicine.

Dr. DuBois was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Science by the University of Rochester in 1943. He has won the coveted Kober Medal of the Association of American Physicians, an organization of which he is a former president. He is also a former president of the Institute of Nutrition and is a member of the National Academy of Sciences, the Harvey Society, the American Physiological Society and numerous other professional groups.

Dr. Edwards, who holds a Ph.D. degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, taught at the University of Maine, his alma mater, and at Columbia before coming to Cornell in 1917. After a brief period on a voluntary informal basis, he became an instructor in physiology in

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Harold E. Stassen Outlines Needs Of Voluntary Hospitals Today

Those who love freedom must "cherish and nourish" the voluntary hospitals in America, Harold E. Stassen, president of the University of Pennsylvania, declared at Charter Day exercises on May 9 in the auditorium of the Nurses Residence marking the 179th anniversary of The Society of The New York Hospital.

With his subject "The Role of the Voluntary Hospital Today," the former Governor of Minnesota described the "discouragement and frustration" which he had observed among personnel of the oldest voluntary hospital in the Western World, St. Bartholomew's in London, under Britain's program of socialized medicine.

"I trust this explains in part the deep feeling with which I today salute this superb voluntary hospital—the New York Hospital," he said.

Another speaker was Dr. Thomas A. C. Rennie, attending psychiatrist at Payne Whitney Clinic and newly appointed professor of psychiatry at Cornell University Medical College, who outlined a long-term community health program for social and preventive psychiatry which the Center is initiating in the Kips Bay-Yorkville Health District under his direction. The program calls for the cooperation of individuals, patients of The New York Hospital, local doctors and the industrial, social, educational, and religious groups of the community. It will strive to help people

solve the emotional and mental health problems that affect their everyday living.

Discussing the role of government in medical care, Mr. Stassen stated that while he did not consider it possible for voluntary hospitals to fill the entire hospital need in America, it would be "a sad day for humanity if voluntary hospitals come under government control."

To defeat the double threat to voluntary hospitals—their own financial problems and governmental schemes—he urged five major developments:

1. Payment by middle income groups of a larger portion of the cost of their hospitalization through improved and expanded voluntary health insurance.
2. Payment by the government of a greater portion of the cost of hospitalization for patients who are definitely governmental charity cases.
3. Increased donations to hospitals by corporations. (Last year, they gave only 7/10 of one per cent of their income for charitable and educational purposes.)
4. Greater efficiency in hospital management.
5. Extension of the Hill-Burton Act under which governmental assistance is given to provide up-to-date facilities for voluntary hospitals.

The speakers were introduced by John Hay Whitney, president of the Hospital.

Our Retirement Plan—Doing Fine, Thanks

Now that we have had three complete years of experience with the Employees Retirement Plan of The Society of the New York Hospital, it is timely to take stock and see how well it is working.

Of our 3,217 active employees, 742 have completed five years of service with the Hospital and are members of the Retirement Plan. As you know, as soon as those of us on the Hospital payroll have been here for five complete years—but not until we have that service record—each one of us automatically becomes a member of the Plan, and the Society then begins to provide for the necessary payments to us at retirement age. The Board of Governors has set up a reserve of \$4,032,865.93 on our December 31, 1949, balance sheet as a reserve for pensions.

As of this May 31, some 88 persons have been retired, 50 from the Main Hospital, 7 from Payne Whitney, and 31 from Westchester Division.

DRS. DuBOIS, EDWARDS

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March, 1918. On a year's leave of absence, 1924-25, he studied in Europe at the Universities of Munich, Leyden, and London. Dr. Edwards later became an assistant professor and then an associate professor of physiology and taught until last Fall.

He was appointed assistant dean in 1936, associate dean in 1948. He has been chairman of the Admissions Committee.

During the recent war, Dr. Edwards was chairman of the Medical Dean's Screening Committee of the Third Naval District.

A former president of the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine, he also served for three years as secretary of the Harvey Society. His other professional affiliations include the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Physiological Society; he is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, honorary societies.

An active churchman, Dr. Edwards is a former chairman of the board of deacons of the Riverside Church.

NURSING SCHOOL

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this scholarship program was inaugurated in 1948. Miss French, Class of '49, is now a public health nurse with the Nassau County Department of Health.

The Committee for Scholarships was originally organized in 1940 as The New York Hospital Red Cross Unit. Woman's Division and during the war years aided the Ninth General Hospital (our military unit in the Pacific), Red Cross, U.S.O. and similar organizations. In November, 1947, it was reorganized with the object of encouraging well-qualified young women to prepare themselves for nursing.

THREE LIVELY LADIES

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she served on the medical staff of OPI, Children's Clinic, for about 10 years. Dr. Walbridge is credited with 4,407 hours of volunteer duty since October, 1945.

Mrs. Herrman, who has contributed 4,677 hours of her time to us since 1942, is a three day a week "regular" from Fall through Spring. She does an important statistical job for our Nursing Service and School of Nursing. A great deal of her remaining free time is devoted to the Monmouth Memorial Hospital, Long Branch, N. J., of which she is a director.